

**Golf Commission Meeting
February 23, 2009
Minutes**

Members Present: Thomas Galla, Chairman; Ron Dray; Don Espach; George Furkiotis; Bruce Gerstman; Tony Johnson

Members Absent: Owen Evans, Vice-Chairman; Sue Casey; Jim Steidlmayer

Chairman Tom Galla called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Review and approval of the Minutes

Review and approval of the Minutes of January 26, 2009... There was a motion made by Mr. Espach seconded by Mr. Gerstman to approve the minutes as is. Motion carried unanimously.

Audience Participation

- None

General Manager Report (Bobby Brown)

Golf Operations:

- Golf Professionals report back to work on March 2nd with the Pro Shop opening for ID renewal on March 14th. Pro Shop will be open Monday through Saturday until opening day when it will open on Sundays as well.
- The Pro Shop has been painted.
- To date we have booked 13 tournaments with an additional four pending.
- Club Car will finish servicing the golf cars this week.

Golf Course Maintenance:

- Director of Operations – Golf Course Properties (Hidalgo Nagashima); Mechanic (Rich Plaveck); Four full-time greensmen (Jeff Cook, Jerry Cook, Chris Gallant, Craig Romano)
- Ed Zenisky, Superintendent, retired on February 13th, after 25 years of service to Tashua Knolls.

- Drainage project has begun between #1 and #9 on the Knolls.
- We received 16 bids for our cart path project. The lowest bidder will be contacted for a list of references.
- Long Hill Tree will begin four days of tree work this week.
- A snow fence was installed on #1 on the Glen.
- With the exception of #4 and #5 on the Glen, there is no more ice on the course. The maintenance crew used snow blowers to remove snow from the course right before the warm weather, which helped to eliminate the ice.
- A wood chipper will be borrowed from the Parks Department this week.
- The newly installed shrubbery on the Glen will be aggressively maintained in the early spring to help them recover from deer damage.
- The Parks and Highway Departments met with Mr. Brown to discuss improvements to the entry to Tashua Knolls Lane including paving the drive, installing a new sign, landscaping, and lighting. The Golf Commission was asked to contribute \$4,000 to this project. The Commission suggested that we request the Kaulbach Trust to participate in our portion as well.

Mr. Johnson made a motion; seconded by Mr. Gerstman to approve up to \$4,000 be allocated to improve the entry to Tashua Knolls Lane. Motion carried unanimously.

Greens Committee (Owen Evans)

- None.

Plant and Facility (Tony Johnson):

- None.

Food and Beverage:

- The Tashua Knolls open house has been moved to Thursday, March 26th from 5:30 – 8:00 PM. Complete information has been posted on the web site.

Executive (Tom Galla)

- None.

Finance (Don Espach)

- A meeting was held with the First Selectman and Finance Director to go over our budget. With the exception of some minor changes to the utility accounts, the budget stands as presented. We are scheduled to go before the Board of Finance on March 2nd.

Programs and Specials:

- Mr. Brown presented proposals for three different programs or specials:
 1. Loyalty Program – purchase 10 like rounds, receive the 11th free – greens fee only.
 2. Slack Times (Knolls Back 9 7:00 – 8:15 AM Tues, Wed, and Friday; Knolls Back 9 Sat and Sun after 4:30 PM; Glen opening until 10:00 AM Tues –Thur) proposed special of \$15 with carts for 9 holes during weekday, \$20 on weekend.
 3. CSGA Partner Program

The Commission determined that it needed more information on the Loyalty Program but voted on the other two programs.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Gerstman, to institute a Slack Time reduced rate and to participate in the CSGA Partner Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

- None

New Business

- None.

Old Business

- None.

A motion to adjourn at 8:25 PM was made by Mr. Johnson; seconded by Mr. Dray. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Plumeau
Golf Commission Clerk